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NEWS RELEASE – MEETING AGENDA

TO: Concho Valley Regional Advisory Committee on Aging
FROM: Toni P. Roberts, Aging Services Director, Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley
DATE: May 17, 2016
SUBJECT: Meeting Agenda

The regular meeting of the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Committee on Aging will be held Thursday, June 2, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Concho Valley Regional Training Center, 2801 W. Loop 306, Suite A, San Angelo, TX.

AGENDA

1. Determination of a quorum and call to order Maggie Farrington, Chair
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome guests
4. Approval of minutes from March 23, 2016 meeting
5. Recognition of potential new members: Erin Kelly, Baptist Retirement Community; Delaine Fuchs - Kindred at Home Hospice (formerly Gentiva Hospice)
6. Vote - Approval of new members: Erin Kelly, Delaine Fuchs
7. Texas Silver Haired Legislature Report (TSHL)
6. FGP/SCP Report: Nolen Mears
7. Ombudsman program presentation - Amanda Sedeno, MLO
8. Aging Director's Report: Toni P. Roberts - Area Plan and SHIP Grant application submitted to DADS 4/1/16; Closeout update; MIPPA Conference; Nutrition Vendor Conference; Transportation program updates; Homeless Coalition PIT survey handout; Acronyms handout.
9. Other Business/Announcements
10. Next Meeting: **Wednesday, July 27, 2016** - Concho Valley Regional Training Center
11. Guest Speaker: Vicente Huerta - Concho Valley Transit District General Manager - Overview of CVTD services

*****Please note, brunch will be served, so please plan to arrive around 9:30-9:45 to have time to enjoy!**

**MINUTES OF MEETING
REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGING
March 23, 2016**

The Regional Advisory Committee on Aging (RACOA) met on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Concho Valley Regional Training Center, 2801 W. Loop 306, Suite A, San Angelo, Texas.

Members present were:

Vicki Bledsoe
Jim Brisbin
Mary Cortinas
Maggie Farrington
Beth Grounds
Margie Hernandez
Louise Jacobsen
Patsy Kellogg
Wayne Merrill
Mary Roden
Brigitte Rogers
Dolores Schwertner
Ralph Teague

Staff present were:

Toni P. Roberts
Nolen Mears
Felicia Lindsey
Kendra Newmann

Guests included:

Erin Kelly – Baptist Retirement Community

BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Maggie Farrington, announced the presence of a quorum and called the regular meeting of the Regional Advisory Committee on Aging (RACOA) to order at 10:00 a.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dolores Schwertner gave the invocation and Chairman Farrington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME GUESTS

Erin Kelly, from Baptist Retirement Community, was welcomed back this month. Erin has applied to become a member of RACOA. Chairman Farrington reported that there was also another applicant, Delaine Fuchs, who is with Gentiva Hospice. The committee will vote on these prospective members at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 23, 2016 RACOA meeting were reviewed and approved.

TEXAS SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE (TSHL) REPORT

Brigitte Rogers reported some problems within TSHL, changes within the organization, and voiced concern about its future. Jim Brisbin also commented on how the organization is being run.

Wayne Merrill, Chairman of the TSHL Finance Committee, concurred that the TSHL was undergoing problems that are not conducive to helping the elderly in Texas. Mr. Merrill passed out copies of the TSHL Intergenerational Town Hall Meeting Tally Report from the town hall meeting held on February 4, 2016 in Abilene, Texas. The report highlighted various issues that seniors are having (i.e. lower costs of prescriptions, more funding for aging veterans, and more affordable, safe housing).

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Mary Cortinas provided an update from the Subcommittee tasked with reviewing the need to continue with the current Operating Guidelines vs returning to By-laws. Members were reminded about the reasons the Committee had voted to begin using the Operating Guidelines in lieu of the By-laws in 2015.

VOTE TO CONTINUE WITH OPERATING GUIDELINES OR RETURN TO BY-LAWS

There were no additional comments or discussion; therefore, Chairman, Maggie Farrington, called for a vote from the Committee. With a majority vote of nine (9) to remain with the current Operating Guidelines to three (3) to reinstate the By-laws, the Operating Guidelines will remain.

SUBCOMMITTEE TO EVALUATE BY-LAWS

No action needed due to the outcome of previous item.

FOSTER GRANDPARENT / SENIOR COMPANION (FGP/SCP) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Nolen Mears reported that he is currently working on both FGP and SCP grant applications for the upcoming funding period. He noted that there have been some funding changes that should help better reward volunteers for their hard work through bonuses, etc. The hope is to implement any related policies by June 2016 in order to provide bonuses to all volunteers before the end of this grant period.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Toni Roberts announced that Steve Mild, the Concho Valley Emergency Management Coordinator, who will be doing a presentation after the RACOA meeting concludes today.

Mrs. Roberts gave an update on the Subcommittee tasked at looking at the 2017-2019 Area Plan. She thanked members of that committee for their work on updating the Area Plan and noted that the plan was approved by the Executive Committee on March 16, 2016. The final plan is due for submission by April 1, 2016 but could take up to two months for approval. Once approved, it will be available as a public document and will be on the CVCOG website.

Director Roberts also mentioned that she would be working on an annual grant renewal for the Benefits Counseling program that would increase funding by approximately \$15,000. The budget and narrative for this will be presented to the RACOA Committee upon approval.

Kendra Newmann, ASU intern, has been working on a list of acronyms and that list will be provided at the next Committee meeting.

Mrs. Roberts talked about some changes that will be coming with regard to transportation for seniors in the Concho Valley. She reported having recent discussions with Dolores Schwertner and Vicente (Vince) Huerta, the General Manager for the Concho Valley Transit District (CVTD). The Committee was provided with information regarding ridership and costs related to transportation services. Mrs. Roberts explained how there was a need to look into reimbursement rates and do some budget analysis for this and other prospective funding sources.

Members had some questions regarding costs and reimbursement rates. It was requested that a rate schedule be presented at the next meeting. The group also asked that Vince attend the next meeting in order to provide more information on this topic. Mrs. Roberts will work to get this arranged.

Additionally, Mrs. Roberts mentioned that she has been working on a subcontracting agreement with the Concho Valley Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) in order to receive funding to provide outreach and assistance.

It was also announced that Betty Galvan, Caregiver Coordinator, will start going out to the counties to do outreach, promote awareness about the Caregiver Program, and possibly start Caregiver Support Meetings to those rural areas. Part of this outreach will be a joint partnership with RACOA member Margie Hernandez.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

No other business or announcements were made at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Duly adopted at a meeting of the Regional Advisory Committee on Aging this 23rd day of March 2016. The next RACOA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25th, 2016 (Later rescheduled to Thursday, June 2nd, 2016 due to conflict in Director's schedule).

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